if such items are not available in the country and the Government has taken a decision to import such items through the canalising agency Import of items appearing in Restricted list and permissible list used to be allowed against a supplementary licence However, Government vide Public Notice No 172-ITC (PN)/90—93 dated 4-7-91 has amended the provision and all actual users other than those in small scale sector and those engaged in the manufacture of life saving drugs and life saving equipment will be required to meet their requirement appearing in the limited permissible list against REP licences Import of such items will have to made by them against REP licence which are freely transferable Under Deemed exports scheme certain supplies made indigenously are an effective form of import substitution Under Duty Exemption Scheme import of all import parts needed for export production are considered on merits duty free so that exporter gets the same at international prices to become competitive.

STATEMENT

Imports from Specified Countries during 1990-91

(Value Rs Crores)

Principal Imports	Japan	UK	USA	USSR	German
(i) Machinery	1 5 0	542	1 208	59	1 254
(ii) Iron & Steel	4?7	121	120	13	483
(iii) Non ferrous metals	27	5(	20	2	36
(iv) Organic & inorganic Chemicals	?0	)6	443	3<	254
(v) Artificial resins & Plastic materials	7>	1>	206	3	5>
(vi) Professional and Scientific instruments	?21	93	263	1	18<
TOTAL (Incl others)	3 24(	2 920	5 237	2 55?	3 477

Production of T-72 and BHP-2 Combat Vehicles

445 SHRI BHAGI Y GOBAR DHAN Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the indigenous production of T-72 tanks and BH 2 Infantry Combat Vehicles has been adequate to meet requirements of the armour

(b) the cost of production of each as it rolls out of factory,

(c) the imported parts if any, used in manufacture, and

(d) whether these compare favourably with tanks and combat vehicles produced elsewhere in terms of fire power mobility armour communication and land navigation systems ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) T-72 Tanks and BMP II vehicles are being produced as per the requirements of the Services

(b) The cost of production of each T 72 and BMP 2 for 1990-91 was Rs 245 43 lakhs and Rs 106 2 lakhs respectively

(c) While efforts at indigenisation are under way, some parts are still being imported

(d) Yes, Sir, in its weight class